आर्थिक समुदाय के कुछ देशों में हाल में उत्पादन तथा रोजगार की वृद्धि में मंदी रही है। इस रुख के जारी रहने से सभी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वाणिज्यिक लेन-देन प्रभावित होंगे जिससे कि सामान तथा सेवाओं की बाहरी मांग कम हो जाएगी।

Frittering away funds for Research by Tea Research Bodies

2666. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tea research bodies in the country are frittering away funds allocated for research; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Lifting of Ban on Import of Consumer Items

2667. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has asked India to prepare a time bound plan for lifting ban on import of consumer goods, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are reconsidering the policy of physical protection in the case of consumer goods which are exported;

(c) whether the Bank has also suggested measures for export of foodgrains and other agricultural products, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) in what manner Government reacted to these suggestions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to liberalise the export of consumer goods.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Incidence of Export Rejections

2668. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manner in which Government plans to control high incidence of export rejections caused due to supply of sub-standard goods to foreign buyers by Indian exporters;

(b) whether Government propose to empower Export Inspection Council to prosecute such exporters and black list them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The incidence of export rejections is negligible. However, complaints on export of substandard goods as and when received from foreign buyers are investigated and remedial measures, including action against erring exporters where warranted, are taken under the relevant provisions of Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963, Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 947/Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 and Export (Control) Order, 1980 as amended.

(b) and (c) Director, Export Inspection Council, has already been authorised by the Government to initiate prosection against the exporters for an offence punishable under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963.

Regarding debarring, the Director General of Foreign Trade or an Officer

authorised by them, has the powers. Hence, the General Government does not propose to confer similar powers on the Export Inspection Council.

Production of F.C.V. Tobacoo

2669. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pcased to state that the total production of F.C.V. Tobacco, unit-wise and carry ever stock during the last three years, year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): Total production of FCV Tobacco during last three years was 100.81 million kgs. in 1989-90, 109.49 M.Kgs. in 1990-91 and 159.19 M.Kgs. in 1991-92. There were no carry over stock from 1989-90 and 1990-91 crops for the following years. Carry over stock from 1991-92 A.P. crop is estimated as around 10 M.Kgs. for 1992-93 season.

Setting UP Hong Kong Type Electronics Hardware Technology Park

2670. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Hong Kong type Electronics hardware technology Park at Madapur near Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The proposal of M/s Andhra Pradesh Electronics development Corporation Limited to set up an Electronics Hardware Technology Park infrastructure at Madhapur Village, Near Jubiee Hills in Ranga Reddy District in Andhra Pradesh, has been approved by the Department of Electronics.

Development of Electronic Sound System Industry

2671. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is total lack of innovation and development in our electronic sound system industry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure future growth of the industry and scope for exports of electronic sound systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As a result of liberal industrial and trade policy, this industry is witnessing growth both in domestic and export markets. Standard value based Input-output norms under Duty Exemption Scheme have been revised to help boost its export. Under the Industrial licensing Policy, the units are eligible for automatic approval of technical foreign collaborations, which may help industry in corporating latest technology.

India's Participation in Asia-Pacific Economic Coorperation

2672. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working out strategies for active participation as a member of the Asia Pacific Economic Coorporation (APEC) in view of its important role in the economic, social and